



Goodland's Lindsey Custer (10) scored with a layup as fellow Cowgirl Kendra Brack (50) pushed Colby's Summar Stephens (14) out of rebounding position.
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Goodland places third in classic

By Roxie Yonkey
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COLBY — Proving that their earlier victory was no fluke, the Goodland (8-3) Cowgirls downed Colby (6-6) 51-46 in the Orange and Black Classic's third-place game Saturday.

Goodland was down by four at half-time, but the Cowgirls didn't take long to get the lead in the second half. Goodland's Lacey Brenner found Ashley Hallagin for a three, then found Kendra Brack in the lane to complete a 5-0 Goodland run. Goodland had a one-point lead, 27-26, with 6:47 to go in the third.

A 6-0 Colby run featuring Ivy Ramsey put the Eagles up early in the fourth. Ramsey scored twice, then found Amanda Seeman for an 18-footer to put Colby up 40-35.

The teams exchanged buckets for the next three minutes until Good-

land's Lindsay Custer found Cody Pettibone for three. Pettibone hit another three from Hallagin's pass after Colby's Summar Stephens missed a free throw.

Pettibone's twin treys tied the game at 46 with 2:07 left. Pettibone then stole the ball and raced for a fast-break layup. Stephens hacked her and Pettibone missed. She made a free throw, missed the bonus shot and Cowgirl Jara McKee put it back for a three-point play. Leading 49-46 with 1:44 to go, the Cowgirls went into a stall.

Pettibone tried for another three, but missed. McKee got the rebound, but Stephens took it away. She then missed and Hallagin grabbed the rebound. Goodland then called time with 24.2 seconds left.

The Eagles fouled twice before getting the Cowgirls into the bonus.

Colby's Dominique Palser pushed

Hallagin, who made both free throws. Goodland led by five, 51-46.

In the final 12 seconds, Colby tried twice to hit a trey, but missed both.

Cowgirl coach Connie Livengood was thrilled with the win.

"We played great defense," she said, "and we really got up and down the floor. We had great rebounding and rebounding is a part of defense. This was a good team effort and we played under control."

She complimented Brack for her defense.

The team last received a tournament trophy in 1996, taking third. They also took third in 1989. The Cowgirls have never placed higher at the Orange and Black. McKee paced the Cowgirls with 19 points and nine rebounds. Hallagin had 13 points and eight rebounds. Stone scored eight and Pettibone seven. Custer and Brack scored two

points each.

Andrea Stephens led Colby with 12 points, 10 of them in the first half, and 12 rebounds. Goodland smothered her on defense in the second half, preventing her few decent looks at the bucket. Summar Stephens had 11 points, while Ramsey pulled down 10 rebounds.

Pettibone and McKee were named to the all-tournament team.

The Cowgirls are now 3-0 against potential sub-state opponents, including a 2-0 record against Colby. This game does not count in Northwest Kansas League standings, however.

The Cowgirls will play Oberlin at home Friday in a Northwest Kansas League game and travel to Hugoton on Saturday. Friday's girls varsity game tips off at 5:30 p.m. at Max Jones Fieldhouse and Saturday's game begins at 4 p.m. Mountain.

Cowgirls fall to Beloit in the fourth quarter

By Roxie Yonkey
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COLBY — Fourth quarters usually belong to the Cowgirls, but not Friday night, when a late lapse cost Goodland (7-3) a shot at the Orange and Black Tournament title.

The Cowgirls gave up a 10-0 run midway through the fourth quarter and didn't have enough time to recover. They lost to Beloit (10-2) 46-40 in a rematch from last year's Orange and Black third-place game. Beloit won that meeting, too.

Goodland started the second quarter down 18-9, but tied the game at half on buckets from Jara McKee and Jayci

Stone, followed by an Ashley Hallagin three from Cody Pettibone.

Back-to-back buckets from McKee and Stone gave Goodland the lead as the second quarter opened.

Beloit came within one at 5:21 in the third, 27-26, on Rachel Chapman's shot from the free throw line.

No one scored for the next three minutes. Finally, Beloit's Pam Mealiff tied the game at 2:22 with a free throw, then Kristi Stilwell's shot in the lane gave the Tigers the lead.

Cowgirl Anny McCoy got a steal and fed Hallagin for a score from the baseline to tie the game at the end of three.

Neither team gained any advantage through the first five and a half minutes of the fourth, then Beloit's Anna Holway put back Mealiff's miss.

Three straight Cowgirl turnovers then became six straight Trojan points. Finally, Holway scored a layup to complete the 10-0 run.

The trojans led by 10, 43-33, with 1:54 to go.

McKee and Hallagin put together a 5-0 Cowgirl run, but that was nearly matched by Tiger Rachel Chapman's steal and layup and Mealiff's free throw.

With 3.7 seconds left, McKee put back Hallagin's miss to bring Good-

land within six, but the bucket was too little, too late.

"We played well enough to win — except in that fourth quarter," Cowgirl coach Connie Livengood said. "Those turnovers just killed us."

McKee scored 20 points, shooting 90 percent from the field, and grabbed seven rebounds. Stone scored 10 and Hallagin eight. McCoy scored two and had three blocked shots. Kendra Brack had six rebounds. Pettibone got four steals.

Holway had 14 points to pace Beloit. Mealiff came just short of a double double with 14 points and nine boards. Chapman scored 12.

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